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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO PHILIPPINE ROCKET RESEARCH PROGRAM

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1. I SHARE CONCERN EXPRESSED REFTTEL THAT DEPARTMENT OF ARMY MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO SLIP THE ROCKET REAEARCH PROGRAM INTO A FAR MORE STRUCTURED U.S. - PHILIPPINE ASSISTANCE EFFORT THAN EITHER WE OR MELCHOR HAS HAD IN MIND. UNLESS MY INSTINCTS DECEIVE ME, ARMY TEAM OF EXPERTS WOULD ALSO FIND, UPON THEIR VISIT HERE, THAT THIS EFFORT COULD, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY U.S. AIR FORCE.

2. THEREFORE, I SHARE DEPARTMENT' RESERVATIONS ABOUT BRINGING A TEAM OUT HERE AND PREFER TO GO BACK TO OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR NIKE CADAVERS. SINCE BOTH SECDEF SCHLESINGER AND FORMER CJCS MOORER PERSONALLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT A HANDFUL OF NIKES COULD BE DECLARED EXCESS, I FEEL DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT ARMY REFUSAL TO DECLARE THESE FEW EXCESS AS DEFINITIVE. THEY ARE, AFTER ALL, ONLY ABOUT SIX OUT OF SEVERAL THOUSAND ROCKETS, AND A VERY MINOR ACCOUNTING MATTER.

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3. I THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NIKE PROPOSAL BE

PURSUED. CARL MAW MIGHT FIND IT AN INTERESTING CASE ON
WHICH TO EXPLORE THE PRECINCTS OF HIS NEW OFFICE.
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